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Chapter 34. Indiana University: Toxicology Department

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Establishment authorized

Sec. 1. As soon as practicable after March 12, 1957, the trustees of Indiana University are hereby authorized to establish in the Indiana University School of Medicine a state department of toxicology and to provide adequate equipment and competent personnel to carry out the purpose of this chapter.

(Formerly: Acts 1957, c.132, s.1.) As amended by P.L.2-1988, SEC.624.

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Analyses by department; expert testimony by personnel

Sec. 2. The department of toxicology shall conduct analyses for poisons, drugs and alcohols upon human tissues and fluids submitted by Indiana coroners, prosecutors, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, duly authorized officials of the Indiana state police and Indiana city police departments, and by officials of the Indiana University Medical Center hospitals in cases of suspected poisoning or intoxication of human beings, and to report these analytical findings to the official requesting such analyses; and to consult with Indiana coroners and coroner's physicians regarding the interpretation of the above analytical findings. The personnel of the department shall furnish expert testimony regarding the analytical findings in all hearings required by law including criminal prosecutions growing out of such findings.

(Formerly: Acts 1957, c.132, s.2.)

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Instruction in toxicology

Sec. 3. The department shall also give instruction in toxicology to medical students and physicians being trained at the Indiana University School of Medicine, and shall train properly qualified students desiring to become toxicologists. The personnel of the department shall also train police technicians and other persons selected by the dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine, or his representative, to conduct some of the simpler chemical tests for intoxication.

(Formerly: Acts 1957, c.132, s.3.)

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Research on detection of toxic compounds; treatment research

Sec. 4. The department shall conduct research on the detection of toxic compounds which may be components of drugs or medicines or may be present in pesticides used for agricultural or other purposes, and shall conduct research on the treatment of poisoning from these substances.

(Formerly: Acts 1957, c.132, s.4.)

IC 20-12-34-5**Visiting local laboratories; examining local personnel for competence**

Sec. 5. The personnel of such department shall make periodic visits to various state, county, city and hospital laboratories in Indiana which are performing analyses for alcohol upon materials from the human body, which analytical results may be used in criminal prosecutions, for the purpose of examining the person conducting such tests relative to his competence to reliably perform such analyses, and for the purpose of inspecting the apparatus and chemicals employed in making such analyses; and this department shall keep a record of said examiners' findings.

(Formerly: Acts 1957, c.132, s.5.)